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five feet high having been secured for this purpose. For those who do not have land available and who would like to have a memorial tree planted, the offer is made to designate one of these spruces as desired on receipt of ten dollars, which will cover cost of tree, of planting, and of its care, which will be the same as that of other trees in the Garden.

### NEWS ITEMS

Professor Henry Allan Gleason, of the University of Michigan, recently spent two months in the study of North American Ironweeds, the genus *Veronia* and near allies at the New York Botanical Garden. Professor Gleason published some years ago a preliminary revision of *Vernonia* and he is now preparing the manuscript of the tribe *Vernonieae* for the *North American Flora*. Dr. Gleason spent a day at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, where he revised the collection of *Vernonia* in the herbarium of that institution.

Mr. Charles Piper Smith, who has published several papers on *Lupinus* in the *Bulletin*, spent ten days recently in studying these plants at the herbarium of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and at the Gray Herbarium, Cambridge.

We learn from the Michigan Agricultural College *Record* of the death on December 6 of Miss Rose M. Taylor, instructor in botany at the College.

We learn from the *Evening Sun* that because of the similarity of climate and soil conditions of Texas and the land upon which the Jewish "Republic of Judea" will be built, the Zionist Society has retained Dr. J. J. Taubenhause, plant pathologist of the Texas agricultural experiment station, for a high agricultural post in the new nation.

Much of the data compiled during his service here will be available for use in Palestine, Dr. Taubenhause says.